

## MOB OF 200 CHASES THUG WHO CHOKES WOMAN

Plucky Mrs. Harper Fights  
Strangler She Catches  
in Her Flat.

POLICE RESCUE HIM.

Fugitive Snatched From Ven-  
geance of Throng After  
Pursuit on East Side.

After choking a young married woman into insensibility when he had been caught looting her apartment, at No. 131 East Eighth street, to-day John Clade attempted to escape from a mob of 200 persons, but was captured at the point of a revolver by Policeman Samuel Tellers, of the Union Market station. Clade, who describes himself as a prize-fighter, living at No. 287 Avenue C, was saved from rough handling by the enraged crowd only through the timely arrival of the police reserves.

Mrs. Lena Harper, the victim of the alleged thug, left her apartment to-day to visit a neighbor, and after five minutes' absence returned to find the doors of her flat locked. She found that the bolts had been turned from the inside. Her husband, a bookkeeper in a downtown office, left home early.

"Open the door," she cried, hammering and making a loud noise.

Fought the Strangler.

Suddenly the door flew open and a strange man stood inside. He grabbed Mrs. Harper by the throat and threatened death if she uttered a sound. The plucky woman fought back, and this infuriated her assailant. His powerful hands, hard as iron, wound around her throat and he held her until she had passed into semi-consciousness.

Mrs. Harper recovered quickly and saw that the man was ransacking the flat. He had spread a sheet of silverware and articles of value that were in easy reach. She cried out, and the man seized her by the throat. He threw her to the floor, but at this juncture he heard footsteps in the hall. The woman's cries had aroused neighbors, and the man ran from the flat as fast as his legs could carry him.

Reaching the street, he made a dash for Avenue B, and the cry of "Stop thief!" was sounded before he had gone a dozen yards. People rushed out of stores and tenements and in less than time it takes to tell the crowd numbered 200.

Policeman Tellers drew his revolver and was within 10 feet of him when the fugitive darted into a hallway at No. 15-17 Seventh street.

Tellers entered the hallway and was still in the shadow of the light when a man came toward him saying: "That fellow is not here. He must have got out the back."

Revolver Brought Him Down.

"Oh, I guess he is still here," Tellers replied. He went to the door and revolver close to the man's chest, continued: "And you are my man. If you attempt to escape or make a false move, I'll drop you where you're standing."

Somebody had called up Union Market police station, and, luckily for the prisoner, the reserves arrived just as he was taken into custody by Tellers. He was taken into this time had grown furious, and men and women alike tried to get at the alleged thug. The police, however, soon restored order.

Clade, who is nineteen years old and makes his living by sparring at local athletic clubs. He boasts that he once fought a six-round draw with Jack Goodman, a lightweight local fame. Clade wore a blue sweater to-day.

"The police pinched the wrong man," said Clade, when he was released. "I was in the Essex Market Court. They made a mistake."

Mrs. Harper positively identified Clade as the man who attempted to choke her, and who had been seen in her flat. She then broke into a running shush on the sidewalk, and everybody within hearing. He refused to walk with any policeman. He was taken to the police station, where he was held without bail and taken to Police Headquarters for photographing for the Rogers' gallery.

Mrs. Harper, except for shock, sustained no injuries.

Help Wanted

To-Day!

As advertised for in The Morning

World's Want Directory.

TUESDAY, JAN. 28, 1908.

Art. Flowers ..... 10 Housework ..... 105

Agents ..... 11 Trainers ..... 16

Amateurs ..... 12 Janitors ..... 12

Animals ..... 13 Janitresses ..... 12

Bakers ..... 4 Kitchen Help ..... 4

Boss ..... 90 Landladies ..... 4

Business ..... 20 Machinists ..... 4

Business Help ..... 1 Janitors ..... 12

Cashiers ..... 2 Milliners ..... 2

Cashiers ..... 2 Neckwear ..... 12

Chambermaids ..... 21 Nurses ..... 7

Chefs ..... 4 Operators ..... 10

Compositors ..... 1 Photographers ..... 2

Cooks (Male) ..... 5 Painters ..... 2

Cooks (Female) ..... 17 Porters ..... 5

Cottages ..... 8 Pressers ..... 3

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## STEEL TRUST'S EARNINGS SHOW LOSS FOR QUARTER

But Total for Year Is an In-  
crease and Regular Divi-  
dends Are Declared.

Quarterly dividends of 1 3/4 per cent on the preferred stock and 1-2 of 1 per cent on the common stock of the United States Steel Corporation were declared to-day. These dividends are unchanged from the last previous quarter. The net earnings for the three months ended Dec. 31 were \$22,532,995, a decrease of \$9,181,993. Unfilled orders on hand were 4,624,533 tons, a decrease of 3,955,165 tons. The net earnings for the three months were \$100,984,477, an increase of \$4,360,292 as compared with 1907.

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